

STATEMENT OF WORK

1. Project Description:

The National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory (NHEERL) is responsible for conducting studies of adults and children to characterize relationships between, for example, particulate matter (PM) and co-pollutant exposure and health indices. NHEERL is the Agency's focal point for scientific research on the effects of contaminants and environmental stressors on human health. In furtherance of this mission, NHEERL is planning a series of studies of the role of environmental factors on the development of respiratory and behavioral conditions in children.

2. Description of Work:

The work to be performed is in the Epidemiology and Biomarkers Branch (EBB) of the Human Studies Division (HSD). The student or recent graduate will be expected to assist in the preparation of a questionnaire related to behavioral development in children. The student may have an opportunity to learn and assist in the development of a questionnaire on respiratory and behavioral health measures including environmental risk factors.

The student will provide assistance in: 1) assembling and reviewing previous questionnaires on behavioral development in children; 2) consulting with EPA scientists on the selection of questions; 3) selecting questions for inclusion in a new questionnaire; and 4) documenting the rationale for the selection of these questions. The work will be conducted according to instructions provided by the Project Officer or Mentor. Weekly progress reports will be required.

The questionnaire, the supporting documentation, and all other documents produced in performance of this work, will be the property of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

3. Quality Assurance Requirements:

Activities conducted by the student or recent graduate will be governed by the EPA quality system, as described in the approved HSD Quality Management Plan. The student or recent graduate must work with their Mentor to consult with HSD's Quality Assurance Manager prior to initiating work.

4. Description of Working Conditions:

Work will be performed in an office setting.